

## Message Text

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1. THE FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF COUNTRY STATUS AND INTERESTS WAS  
CONDUCTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 30 SESSION OF CCOP:

A. PAPUA NEW GUINEA WISHES TO CONTINUE FULL MEMBERSHIP  
ALTHOUGH A PERMANENT COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE HAS NOT BEEN MADE.

B. CHAIR REGRETS ABSENCE OF TRUST TERRITORIES AND  
QUESTION (UNRESOLVED) OF THEIR RIGHT TO MEMBERSHIP (AS A  
NON-INDPENDENT NATION) WAS CHALLENGED.

C. SRI LANKA AND BURMA HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO ATTEND  
AS OBSERVERS AND HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST. C.Y. LI STATED  
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THAT THE INVITATIONS TO ATTEND HAD BEEN ONLY TO PROVIDE A  
BASE OF EXPERIENCE TO ENABLE THESE COUNTRIES TO  
DEVELOP THEIR OWN PROGRAMS NOT TO EXTEND THE AREAL  
SCOPE OF CCOP.

THIS LED TO QUESTIONS SUCH AS "WHAT IS THE AREA OF  
SOUTHEAST ASIA," "WHAT RIGHT DID CCOP HAVE TO RESTRICT  
ATTENDANCE" (IN LIGHT OF U.N. "OPEN DOOR" POLICY TO

ALL COMMITTEE MEETINGS), AND "WHAT WAS MEANING OF TERM 'OBSERVER' AND WAS IT REALLY USED"? A POLITE LEGAL BRAWL FOLLOWED; THE U.S. MAINTAINED A COMPLETE "CLOSED MOUTH" POSITION.

2. DR. OBERMULLER (FRANCE) AND DR. BULLERWELL (UK) ANNOUNCED THEIR RESIGNATIONS AND RECOMMENDED REPLACEMENTS, THESE WERE ACCEPTED.

3. IN CLOSED SESSION, SPECIAL ADVISERS WERE REAPPOINTED AND ONE JAPANESE ADDED. IN ADDITION, A JAPANESE LAWYER WAS ADDED TO THE LIST OF TECHNICAL ADVISERS.

4. REPORTS ON STATUS OF REGIONAL, INTERMEDIATE ZONE PROJECTS, AND COUNTRY PROJECTS WERE GIVEN. THESE WILL BE REDUCED TO WRITING AND WILL BE GIVEN IN THE FINAL SESSION REPORT.

5. THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN SINGAPORE IN THE OCTOBER-NOVEMBER TIME FRAME, 1978. EXACT TIME TO BE DETERMINED BY CCOP SECRETARIAT IN LIGHT OF OTHER SCHEDULED OR PLANNED MEETINGS OF RELATED NATURE.

6. IT IS RUMORED THAT THE MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE APPROACHED DR. HAWKINS TO REPLACE DR. C.Y. LI AS PROJECT CHIEF AND THAT HE HAS ACCEPTED.  
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